

West Africa, South Africa and the Philippines, including the first Bible School in a South African prison to reduce recidivism. In the midst of all his accomplishments, Bishop Brooks is also an outstanding husband, father and grandfather.

Bishop Brooks is also the co-founder of the Welfare Reform Liaison Project, a program that has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for empowering welfare recipients with the skills to become self-sufficient.

Madam Speaker, we are often reminded and we all agree that government can't solve all our problems. It's great to know that we're getting help on the ground from faith and other non-government organizations. Bishop Brooks and Mt. Zion Baptist Church are certainly doing their part. I'm sure my colleagues join me in wishing Bishop George W. Brooks and the Mt. Zion Baptist Church congregation a happy 33rd pastoral anniversary and best wishes for years to come.

HELPING AMERICAN WORKERS

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 3, 2008

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, we cannot allow the understandable focus on Wall Street to distract us from the struggles facing America's working families. The families of more than 5,000 New Mexico workers who are still looking for jobs in our struggling economy could soon face destitution. On this day when we consider legislation providing \$700 billion in taxpayer dollars to bail out Wall Street, we must do something to help the working families and to make our economy start producing jobs again.

The Unemployment Insurance extension bill we are voting on today does what is right for New Mexico workers who need a helping hand so their families can make ends meet while they look for jobs in our struggling economy. It also does what's right for every New Mexico family concerned about our state's economy, because it will boost economic growth so we can start producing jobs again. Experts consider extending unemployment insurance to be one of the quickest and most efficient ways to make the economy produce jobs again, since the benefits go to workers who need the money and will spend it quickly. Moody's Investor Service's Economy.com Chief Economist Mark Zandi estimates that every \$1 increase in UI benefits results in a \$1.64 infusion of economic activity.

Numbers released today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that America has lost jobs for 9 straight months. New Mexico's unemployment rate rose from 4.1 percent to 4.6 percent in August, the last month for which numbers are available. It is up from 3.1 percent in January. Since the beginning of the year, the economy has lost 760,000 jobs. The job loss in September was the largest one-month jobs loss in 5½ years, more than twice the average of the previous 8 months.

These numbers make two things clear. First, the Bush administration's economic policies have failed, and we need to go in a new direction. Second, American workers need our support. They are suffering because of economic

policies they had nothing to do with. As I continue to work for real reforms to fix our financial system, I will not forget New Mexico's working families.

HONORING TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE PAUL MORENO

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 3, 2008

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my fellow El Pasoan, Texas State Representative Paul Moreno, an institution in El Paso and the State of Texas and the longest serving Hispanic elected official in the United States.

After over 4 decades of public service and a distinguished career defending and championing the rights of the poor and disenfranchised, he has left his mark on American politics.

Born in 1931, Paul Moreno grew up in the Segundo Barrio of South El Paso. After high school, he proudly served 6 years in the United States Marine Corps and saw combat in Korea, earning the Presidential Unit Citation, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean Service Medal.

After his military service, Paul went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Texas Western, now the University of Texas at El Paso, and he also attended the University of Texas at Austin School of Law.

Representative Moreno first won election to the Texas House in 1967. During his tenure, he has always been a passionate and outspoken advocate for the poor, the disabled, and the underdog. He fought on behalf of the next generation of Texans and vigorously supported improving education, economic opportunities for our youth and health care for our children. He has been a staunch advocate on behalf of teachers, and for over 40 years has been a champion of working families. In short, Paul Moreno has been a voice for the people, and many consider him to be the "Conscience of the Texas House."

Representative Moreno has worked with 8 governors and many speakers of the House, and currently presides as the dean of the Texas House. Even though his voice may no longer echo in the halls of the State Capitol in Austin when his term is over at the end of this year, it will continue to guide those who strive to live up to the example of public service that he has set for us all. He will be missed.

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HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 3, 2008

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

T4
The next generation!

As great as any others who have come before!

An Army Man . . .

Who, with but his great heart here now so stands!

Part Titanium, Part Man . . . The New Prototype, of an Army Man!

Who's Tours DeForce . . .

All in his life's force, with his tours of duty while all out on death's course . . .

A Freedom Fighter, the kind our hearts and souls so here ignite here . . . with all of his great life's force!

Special Forces . . .

And 107th Cav, those great men of honor who freedom so enforce this!

With great acts of daring and might, with all of their most superhuman feats . . . are but freedom's voice!

Where do you go?

When your face and body, have been blown and shattered here so?

How do you rebuild with no back left still? For it's all found so deep down inside, in what a heart can will!

Piece by Piece, as this T Man has grown . . . Day by Day, Hour by Hour . . . as all have so found out what his soul can shower! As he stands alone!

To find the courage on battlefields of honor, in operation rooms he towers! All in courage's finest hour!

Eggleston, a doctor's son . . .

A sure fine one, as is this America's Son . . . Terminating evil this one!

A Virginian who so shines, for all of us so in time . . . as we watch his heart . . . his fire . . . burn like The Sun!

For all of those who go off to war . . .

Are but the greatest of all Americans so sure, who for us all . . . our very freedom do so insure!

For all that we have, all in this land of the free . . . is but bought and paid for, by all these fine heroes sure!

The people who hate war the most!

Are but all of those Magnificent Brave Heart's, who must face death . . . and lose their comrades close!

And leave their loved ones behind in tears, with sleepless nights here . . . all so that we can have the most!

In life, all is possible in what you feel . . .

All in what you so stand for, your ideals . . . deep down inside ones heart so real . . .

That let's you go off to war, to face heartache and death . . . and evil to endure and rebuild, and not yield!

Like T4 . . .

Bodies can grow and rebuild, with but hard work, courage and iron wills . . . with titanium and more . . .

But, without a heart . . . one can not so live and endure . . . only with, these special forces within like T4!

Dedicated to Charles Eggleston.

Grew up in Richmond, Va. E6 Staff Sergeant Special Forces and 107th Cav.

He was injured in Mousal, Iraq, in an IED blast. Legs, back and face reconstructed with titanium.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN ROBERT VALLEJO II

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 3, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Captain Robert Vallejo II who was killed on September 18, 2008, while serving our country.

Captain Robert Vallejo II was a captain in Texas National Guard. He and six other Guard members lost their lives while on duty aboard